

MINUTES OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
COMMUNITY CHAMBERS, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Wes Brinsfield (Chair), Jim Fenton , Randy Kriegh, Jerome Chester, Suzanne Ambiel
(Vice-Chair), Chris Hlavka, Nadim Maluf, Cedric Novenario (Staff Liaison)

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Harry Guy thanked the BPAC for their dedication and work regarding school route improvements.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Fenton, seconded by Commissioner Kriegh, the item is approved, as amended. Passed 6-0. Commissioner Maluf abstained.

2. Update on Traffic and Transportation Activities

Staff provided an update regarding local and regional transportation/traffic planning, projects and activities.

3. 2016-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Staff provided an update on the 2016-21 CIP budget. Staff notified the BPAC that approximately 13 new safe route to school projects will be added to the CIP. The BPAC requested staff consideration to remove the non-bicycle/pedestrian related projects from the “Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety” category and place them in a more appropriate category such as “Streets and Roads.”

4. Municipal Code – Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks

The commission discussed potential restrictions regarding bicycle riding on sidewalks. The state and Los Altos do not have specific laws banning bicycle riding on sidewalks. It was noted that local agencies can restrict riding on sidewalks through a change in their respective Municipal Code. The commission provided a variety of comments:

- A separate bike facility would be needed if a sidewalk riding restriction is in place
- A sidewalk riding restriction, if implemented, should be consistent with adjacent cities, especially at connections
- Do not support a change in the Municipal Code
- Don’t forget bike riding education is an important element for safer bike riding in all situations

The BPAC will defer further consideration of restricting bicycle riding on sidewalks until further bike safety educational information and programs are developed, and bicycle facilities are implemented.

5. Bicycle/Pedestrian Education – Event Planning

The commission discussed potential bicycle/pedestrian events and community outreach activities. Staff suggested reserving a booth at the Los Altos Farmer's Market to get resident feedback about potential topics and content. The BPAC agreed and suggested staff continues with the booth reservation. The target event bicycle/pedestrian event date is October 2016.

6. Grants Subcommittee

The subcommittee provided an oral report regarding their work on the grants subcommittee. The subcommittee generally described that most tech companies like Google do provide funds for bike/pedestrian improvements as part of a land development condition. Local companies generally do support bike/pedestrian projects but are not in a position to provide funds.

The subcommittee was disbanded.

7. Bike to Work Day

Staff provided a summary of the items needed for Bike to Work Day, location and hours.

8. Work Plan

Staff provided a summary of the Joint City Council/Commission meeting and work plan discussion. Future discussion topics as a result could include evaluating the process between the BPAC and the Planning and Transportation Commission.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Monthly Staff Reports

Staff liaison updated Commission on related City Projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wes Brinsfield adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.